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Atty Docket No: 12E-989110US Client Ref: G67

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/526802

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For: **DHEA Composition And Method**

TECH CENTER 1600 200 Examiner: Qazi, S.

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application

Election/Restriction.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring Applicants to elect one of the following claim groups for prosecution in the present application, stating:

- I. Claims 1-4 are drawn to pharmaceutical formulations of DHEA, classified in class 514, subclass 169+.
- П. Claims 5-10 are drawn to [a] method for preparing formulations, classified in class 514, subclass 169+.
- Ш. Claims 11-15 are drawn to a method of administering DHEA, treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus, classified in class 514, subclass 169+.

